

By Mr. WOLF (for himself, Mr. PITTS, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. HOLT, Ms. ESHOO, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):

H.R. 440. A bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.R. 441. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve, to acquire land for Denali National Park and Preserve from Doyon Tourism, Inc., and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.R. 442. A bill to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to require the Bureau of Land Management to provide a claimant of a small miner waiver from claim maintenance fees with a period of 60 days after written receipt of 1 or more defects is provided to the claimant by registered mail to cure the 1 or more defects or pay the claim maintenance fee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.R. 443. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.R. 444. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. YOUNG of Florida (for himself, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mrs. ADAMS, Mr. ROSS of Florida, Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. GRANGER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, and Mr. CRENSHAW):

H.R. 445. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WEINER (for himself, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. WEST, and Mr. GRIMM):

H. Con. Res. 12. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that an appropriate site on Chaplains Hill in Arlington National Cemetery should be provided for a memorial marker to honor the memory of the Jewish chaplains who died while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LARSON of Connecticut:

H. Res. 52. A resolution electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to, considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HENSARLING:

H. Res. 53. A resolution electing certain Members to certain standing committees of

the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to, considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BACA:

H. Res. 55. A resolution honoring Christina Taylor Green for giving the gift of life with organ donation and encouraging Americans to join her call to make organ donation a personal choice; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. RIVERA (for himself, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Ms. WILSON of Florida):

H. Res. 56. A resolution congratulating the Florida International University Golden Panthers for the school's first Bowl victory; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

Ms. DEGETTE introduced A bill (H.R. 446) for the relief of Rosa Isela Figueroa Rincon, Miguel Angel Figueroa Rincon, Blanca Azucena Figueroa Rincon, and Nancy Araceli Figueroa Rincon; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. REHBERG:

H.R. 412.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3: The Congress shall have Power To regulate Commerce with foreign nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

By Mr. STARK:

H.R. 413.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives (Article I, Section 1).

The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 14 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. PRICE of North Carolina:

H.R. 414.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Congressional power to provide for public financing of presidential campaigns arises under the General Welfare Clause, Art. I, Sec. 8, of the Constitution. In *Buckley v. Valeo*, 424 U.S. 1, 91 (1976), the Supreme Court upheld the congressional power to enact public financing of presidential elections under this Clause. The Supreme Court stated with regard to the provisions in the Federal Election Campaign Act Amendments of 1974 establishing a presidential public financing system, "In this case, Congress was legislating for the 'general welfare'—to reduce the deleterious influence of large contributions on our political process, to facilitate communication by candidates with the electorate, and to free candidates from the rigors of fundraising."

By Mr. COHEN:

H.R. 415.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The changes made by this bill to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act are within Congress' authority under Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 416.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

"The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution (Clause 3), which grants Congress the power to regulate Commerce among the several States."

By Mr. OWENS:

H.R. 417.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18:

"The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;"

"To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

By Mrs. MALONEY:

H.R. 418.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3, which reads:

"To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with Indian Tribes."

By Mr. COOPER:

H.R. 419.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

(1) The authority granted to Congress under Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution of the United States gives Congress the power to enact laws governing the time, place, and manner of elections for Members of the House of Representatives; and

(2) The authority granted to Congress under Section 5 of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution gives Congress the power to enact laws to enforce Section 2 of such Amendment, which requires Representatives to be apportioned among the several States according to their number.

By Mr. REHBERG:

H.R. 420.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1: "The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;"

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18: "The Congress shall have Power * * * To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

Second Amendment: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

The specific Constitutional Authority cited here is not intended and should not be construed to be exclusive of any other general or specific Constitutional Authority that is otherwise applicable.